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Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449 along with a copy of any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

It should be noted that cited reference no. 7 is a Russian publication and does not appear to be readily available in English. Our understanding is that it provides an explicit description of a control system including the operation of various elements of mining equipment.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

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